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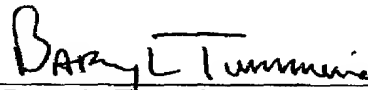
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant's attorney would like to thank the Examiner for the telephone interviews of January 7, 8, and 13, 2004. This amendment is a result of that telephone interview in which claims 1, 8 13, and 20 have been amended to clearly distinguish over the IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin of TSUI et al.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application with claims 1-3, 5-10, and 12-30 is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this amendment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

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